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Title: **OPTICAL APERTURE FOR DATA RECORDING HAVING TRANSMISSION ENHANCED
BY WAVEGUIDE MODE RESONANCE**

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced U.S. national application.
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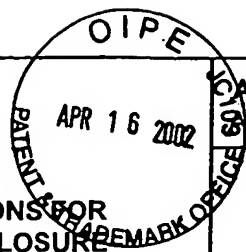
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